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Dear Dr. Summerson:

1 From its inception I have opposed shipping nuclear waste through heavily populated areas. The risk of accidents on our busy Interstate Highways is too great for the idea to be conscionable. At first glance rails seem a safer alternative. However, unlike Europe, the USA hasn't maintained and modernized its rail system. The number of train derailments reflects the poor quality of the tracks and/or the poor quality of the engineers driving the trains, either of which leads to an unwarranted risk for transporting something as lethal as nuclear waste.

Despite the assurances that the tanks in which the waste will be transported are "indestructible," one has to look no farther than the Titanic to see the folly of believing that anything is accident-proof. Most recently, the terrifying rail accident that started in Valley Park, Missouri, and culminated in Webster Groves, Missouri, prompted me to write to you to add my voice to the chorus of people against shipping nuclear waste through populated areas. Please don't do this to us.

Sincerely,



Savannah Furman

cc:Gerry Welch

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